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1. FOLLOWING IS MID-DAY STATE OF PLAY IN RE DELEGATIONS'
ATTITUDES TOWARD POSTPONEMENT OR ADJOURNMENT IN ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE.

2. AMBASSADOR GHORRA HAS NOW REQUESTED THAT COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN SCOTT NOT SCHEDULE WEST ASIA ITEM THIS WEEK AS
FOLLOW-UP HIS COMMITMENT TO AMBASSADOR SCALI.

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3. IN COURSE DAY USDEL HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH UK, BARBADOS, KENYA, PERU, FRANCE, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND AND CANADA.

4. UK NOW AGREEDS THAT IF FRENCH JOIN US AND DUTCH THEY WILL BOTH SUPPORT MOVE TO POSTPONE AND UNDERTAKE INFLUENCE OTHER DELS WHICH WE HAVE TARGETED AS WAVERING.

5. WE UNDERTOOK THOROUGH BRIEFING WITH BARBADOS AMBASSADOR (WALDRON-RAMSEY). RECALLED PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS IN CASE OF BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL AND AT SAME TIME DESCRIBED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE ACTIONS AND LEGAL SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING US BASED ON RECENT DETERMINATION UN LEGAL COUNCIL. RAMSEY INDICATED THAT HE UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS VOTE AGAINST DRAFT RES AND THEREFORE WOULD SUPPORT MOVE TO POSTPONE OR ADJOURN ITEM. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON NOW SLATED FURTHER LAWYER TO LAWYER CONVERSATION DURING WHICH WE HOPE ENLIST HIS PARLIAMENTARY SKILL IN DEBATE SHOULD OCCASION ARISE.

6. AFTER LONG QUIET CONVERSATION WITH KENYAN AMBASSADOR (ODERI-JOWI) HE CONCLUDES THAT EXCLUSIONARY PART OF LEBANESE DRAFT DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. AGREED SUBMIT ISSUE IN FORTHRIGHT FASHION TO AFRICAN GROUP MEETING THIS WEEK-END AND TO FURTHER PURSUE MORAL ISSUE MADE TO QUESTION OF INCREASING UNIVERSALITY OF UN TO GROUP OF 77. WE HOPE TO MOVE KENYA TO FULL SUPPORT US POSITION.

7. ITALIANS HAVE NOW ADVISED THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT MOVE TO POSTPONE.

8. FRENCH AMBASSADOR FERNAND-LAURENT HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT QUAI HAS AUTHORIZED FRENCH SUPPORT OF MOTION TO POSTPONE. WE IN PROCESS RELAYING THIS INFO TO UK WITH FURTHER ADVICE THAT FRENCH WILL FURTHER INFORM GHORRA THIS PM.

9. SOVIETS HAVE ADVISED CANADIANS THAT THEY NOW INSTRUCTED SUPPORT CANADA'S ADMISSION TO ECE. WE HAVE NOW ASKED WHETHER THIS RESULT WILL ENABLE CANADIANS TO MOVE FROM POSSIBLE ABSTENTION COLUMN TO SUPPORT OF MOTION TO POSTPONE.
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10. PERUVIAN DEL SAYS THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED TO FONMIN THAT POSTPONEMENT BE SUPPORTED.

11. AS THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE KNOWN QUIETLY TO ARAB DELS WE HOPE THAT ODDS IN FAVOR POSTPONEMENT IMPROVING. INSOFAR AS USSR POSTURE MAY INFLUENCE AS MANY AS 8 VOTES WE HOPE THAT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO POSITION OF SUPPORT WHICH

MIGHT IN TURN INFLUENCE CHINESE.

12. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT FRIDAY MEETING OF ARABS CONVENED BY GHORRA PRODUCED CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS OVER HARDENED US POSITION, PARTICULARLY SINCE GHORRA THOUGHT HE HAD EARLIER SENSED THAT US WOULD BE NEUTRAL. NEVERTHELESS GROUP SHAKEN BY FIRMNESS SCALI STATEMENT IN COURSE PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY HAVE SCHEDULED ANOTHER MEETING FOR SATURDAY.

13. SCOTT HAS INDICATED THAT WHILE NEW ZEALAND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS NO DIFFICULTY FORESEEN IN VOTING FOR POSTPONEMENT. HE DOES ANTICIPATE THAT A VOTE WILL BE NECESSARY IF ARABS PERSIST.BASSIN

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